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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

O'SULLIVAN ET AL.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: EP/96/05564

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2-CHLORO-5-
CHLOROMETHYL-THIAZOLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert the following:

-- This is a 371 of PCT/EP/96/05489, December 7, 1996. ---

Page 4, line 14, after "Javelle water", insert -- (NaHClO) --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel/without prejudice, claims 8, 11, 14, 17, 21, 25, 28, 32, 36, 39, 43, 47, 53,
57, 65 and 68.